

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, withdrawn claims 13-16 are cancelled.

Claims 1-12 stand rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,818,330. In response, Applicants filed a Terminal Disclaimer, and request withdrawal of the rejection on this basis.

Claim 17 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claim 16 or U.S. Patent No. 6,618,330. In response, Applicants cancelled claim 17, and therefore the rejection is now moot.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants believe that this case is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The Examiner should call Applicants' attorney if an interview would expedite prosecution.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069.

Respectfully submitted,

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